**Preparation of List of Major Polluting Industries**

984. SHRI SHUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of major polluting industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to minimise pollution caused by the effluents emitted by such industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are 1629 units in the identified 17 categories of heavily polluting industries in the country.

(c) Government have issued a notification on 12.2.1992, according to which industries that are commissioned on or before May 16, 1981 and after May 16, 1981 are required to meet the prescribed standards by December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1993 respectively. The State Governments have been asked to take legal action against the defaulting industries.

**Death of African Rhinoceroses in Delhi Zoo**

985. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that two African Rhinoceroses died in Delhi Zoo after drinking stagnated water from the common moat due to the neglect of the Zoo authorities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the causes of the death of the Rhinoceroses;

(c) what steps have so far been taken to provide proper medical aid and food to the Zoo animals and to save their lives;

(d) the number of animals died in the Delhi Zoo during the last three years and reasons therefor;

(e) what action Government have taken against the officials found responsible for the death of these animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The recent death of two African Rhinos was due to Gastro-enteritis. Prima-facie there is no evidence of neglect of Zoo authorities.

(b) Full time qualified veterinary assistance is available to attend to any emergency. The Services of other veterinary experts are also taken as and when required. Besides the zoo has a well equipped laboratory and veterinary unit in operation. The food is inspected by the verterinary staff before it is given to the animals. These measures are effective in providing proper medical aid and food to the zoo animals.

(d) The number of animals died in the zoo during last three years is as under:

| Year | Animals | Birds |
|---|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 104 | 294 |
| 1990-91 | 69 | 74 |
| 1991-92 | 73 | 117 |

Apart from natural deaths major causes of deaths were injuries, infectious diseases, reproductive problems and environmental stress.

(e) Does not arise in all the causes except in the case of the accidental death of black bucks, where departmental action has been initiated against the zoo personnel alleged to have been guilty of dereliction of duty.

**Selecting the Areas in Gujarat Forest Conservation**

986. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the areas in Gujarat selected for forest conservation;

(b) what are the details of the area of land brought under forest land district-

wise during the last three years; and

(c) what are the targets fixed district-wise during the last two years in this regard alongwith the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No specific areas has been selected for forest conservation. Government of Gujarat proposes to conserve forests in the entire state.

(b) During the last two years, the district-wise area added under forests is as under:

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) Banaskantha | 0.61 (Sq.km.) |
| (ii) Bhavnagar | 0.04 |
| (iii) Junagarh | 0.01 |
| (iv) Mehsana | 0.01 |
| (v) Sundernagar | 5.86 |
| (vi) Vadodara | 0.06 |

(c) No district-wise target have been fixed.

**वन संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1980 का उल्लंघन**

987. **श्री रामसिंह राठवा:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को गुजरात में वन संरक्षण अधिनियम, 1980 का उल्लंघन किये जाने की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है?

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ):** (क) जी, हां।

(ख) राज्य सरकार से यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कहा गया है कि वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम का उल्लंघन न होने पाए।

(ग) वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम के उल्लंघन के मामलों पर इसके कार्यान्वयन के लिए जारी दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुसार कार्रवाई की जाती है।

**Projects Pending Environmental Clearance**

988. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of developmental projects pending with Ministry of Environment and Forests awaiting environmental clearance;

(b) the broad reasons for keeping these projects pending; and

(c) the steps taken to facilitate speedy disposal of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A statement listing names of development projects awaiting environmental clearance along with reasons is given at annexure. [*see* Appendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 19]

(c) Projects can be assessed and processed only after receipt of complete data. A final decision is taken within a maximum period of three months after receipt of complete environmental data and Action Plans. Interaction is maintained with the project authorities to facilitate expeditious disposal of cases.

**राजस्थान में वन-क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन-कार्य**

989. **श्री शिवचरण सिंह:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) राजस्थान के कुल कितने वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन-कार्य चल रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह अवैध कार्य वन-विभाग की मिलीभगत से हो रहा है, यदि नहीं, तो अवैध खनन कार्य को न रोकने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) वन-क्षेत्रों में अवैध खनन-कार्य कब तक बंद हो जाने की संभावना है, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि राज्य में राष्ट्रपति शासन लागू किये जाने के पश्चात् वनों के नाश और वन क्षेत्र में अवैध खनन की प्रवृत्ति बढ़ी है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?